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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

It is rumored in Colon that a Colombian gunboat has been sunk by an American warship. —— Nineteen theatres in Chicago have been closed by order of the mayor because they were not provided with asbestos curtains. —— The social season in Washington, D. C., was inaugurated yesterday with a brilliant reception at the White House. —— The Japanese minister in London has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant Japan's proposals; in St. Petersburg officials say that Russia's reply has not yet been made; officials in Berlin do not believe that war is within the probabilities. —— In a [illegible] between two farmers near Talla[illegible] Ala., one was killed and the [illegible] wounded. —— The general office of the Southern Railway will be [illegible]fered from Birmingham, Ala., to Greensboro, N. C. —— Capt. Fred Pabst, head of the Pabst Brewing Co., Milwaukee, died yesterday. —— Emancipation day was celebrated in Raleigh, N. C., by an immense gathering of negroes; resolutions in reference to the race question were adopted. —— Fire in the Murray Hill hotel, New York city, caused a slight panic and a money loss of about $10,000. —— Hotel Louvre in Chicago was burned last night, and several lives were lost. —— Arlington hotel at Brainard, Mich., badly damaged by fire. —— Believed in London that Japan will take decisive steps in the next few days.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 44 degrees; 8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees; mean, 53 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, .0 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—For North Carolina: Fair on the coast, rain in interior Saturday; Sunday, rain and colder; light to fresh south winds.

If Terrible Teddy persists in "railroading" his pet schemes he will finally run into an open switch.

If the physical condition of the Carolina Central railroad is as represented it will not be long before there will be some interesting damage suits against that corporation.

Really, we must wait for the serial stories of Editors Daniels and Bailey to appear in book form, "revised and corrected by the authors." We hate to lose the connection."

It has been proved repeatedly in the numerous revolutions in Colombia that her people are not cowards, and she can make a little war with the United States cost us many millions of dollars.

For sale, one case of "grip," warranted 18 karats fine and to hold its grip until we get decent service on the K. S., kommonly kalled the Karolina Sentral. Apply to the horse editor of the MORNING GLORY.

Referring to the S. A. L. system Mr. John Skelton Williams says: "Matters are moving along smoothly and satisfactorily." If he will come down here and interview the business men of Wilmington he may modify his views.

"A New Jersey man sued a street railway company the other day because a conductor forbade his smoking on the rear platform of a car. The judge sustained the man and gave him a verdict of 6 cents." Well, that wasn't so bad. He got pay for his five cent cigar and one cent for anguish of mind.

Through an oversight we have heretofore failed to extend our sympathy to our brilliant contemporary the Norfolk *Landmark* in its recent misfortune. However, this has given us time to congratulate it on the real excellence of the paper it is issuing under adverse conditions. Neither fire nor flood can overcome the *Landmark*.

The Wilmington STAR informs us: "Some of the Southern Democratic papers are still berating Senator Gorman and other Senators for their position on the Panama treaty. If they will have patience we think Gorman will make it plain that he is neither an obstructionist nor a fool." We are in thorough accord with the conclusion of our contemporary.—*Raleigh Post.*

Darnley Park Brewery.

Attention is called to the special announcement of Mr. John M. Wright, agent here of the Darnley Park Brewery, of Baltimore, Md. This agency will be conducted on a large scale, having complete facilities for handling beer in barrels and bottles and for pasterizing the bottled beer. Read the announcement on the third page of the STAR.

— W. H. Pope, Esq., of Fayetteville, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

UNDER SHORT SAILS.

Norwegian Barque Holden Spoken Off Frying-pan Shoals—Beating and Trying to Reach Cape Fear Bar.

The three-masted schooner John J. Hansen, Captain Wood, arrived in port yesterday afternoon. She was light, and comes for a cargo of cross ties.

Captain Wood reports that yesterday morning, five miles north and east of Frying-pan shoals, he spoke the Norwegian barque Holden, Cap. Andersen, beating about under short sails and endeavoring to make Cape Fear bar. The Holden is bound from East London via Barbadoes for Wilmington, having sailed from Barbadoes December 13th. She probably had her sails blown away, but no assistance was asked or offered.

The schooner Longfellow, Captain Spencer, which arrived in Wednesday, also spoke the Holden. The masters of both schooners suggest that the pilots go out and assist the barque, as she is a stranger and not acquainted with the shoals and bar. She has already been beating around the shoals several days.

LOCAL DOTS.

— See advertisement of N. C. Home Building Association.

— There were no arrests by the police yesterday and consequently Mayor Springer held no court.

— The Rev. W. I. Herbert, of Columbia, S. C., will preach at Bladen Street M. E. church, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

— Messrs. Sol. Bear & Co. have the thanks of the STAR for the "compliments of the season" extended in a very substantial manner.

— Thanks to our fair correspondent and agent at Atkinson for favors. Our list of daily subscribers at that point is large and growing.

— Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, advertising agents, Philadelphia, Pa., have the STAR'S thanks for one of their handsome calendars for 1904.

— Captain Bob Capps, the jailor, had eighteen guests for New Year's dinner yesterday. They will remain with him till court meets January 26th.

— In Justice John J. Fowler's court yesterday, Becky Green, colored, an old offender, charged with assault and battery, was sent to the roads for 30 days.

— Mr. John M. Hall, the popular young pharmacist of the Southside, has been added to the STAR'S list of regular advertisers. He carries a complete stock of fresh and seasonable goods. Read his announcement.

— Yesterday morning Policeman N. M. King found a pocket-book on Market street between Front and Water. It contained no money but in it were some photographs of a man and two ladies and a number of cards containing different names. It is at police headquarters.

— Subscribers to the Bell 'phones in calling up subscribers to the Inter-State 'phones, must now call through the Bell Exchange. Don't call the number of 'phone you want but give the name of the subscriber of the Inter State 'phone. If you have any trouble call No. 500, Bell exchange.

Bicycle Thief Bound Over.

In Justice J. J. Fowler's court yesterday afternoon, Allen Pearsall, colored, was given a hearing on the charge of stealing a bicycle from George Robinson, the colored porter at Mr. J. C. Munds' drug store. On Chris mas eve night, Robinson's wheel was stolen from its stand in front of the store. Pearsall was found with the bike in his possession and he testified that he got it from Daniel Hall, a colored boy known about town as "'Lasses." Pearsall was discharged, and Hall was bound over to court and committed to jail in default of $50 bail. Zillie Pearsall, colored, was also given a hearing on the same charge but was discharged, as three witnesses swore that "'Lasses" had the wheel and was trying to sell it Christmas.

Explanatory.

We have had many complaints recently of either a complete failure or of irregularity in the city delivery of the STAR. This has been caused by sickness among our regular carriers, at times, only one half of them being able to report for duty. Our friends can readily imagine the embarrassment and confusion incident to placing substitute carriers on routes with which they are entirely unfamiliar.

Double Birthday Party.

Misses Maggie and Belle Applewhite entertained a number of friends at their home, No. 416 Bladen street, Thursday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock, in honor of their birthday. Delightful refreshments were served, and all present spent an enjoyable evening.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Solky & Co.—Youths' suits.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Announcement
Mercer & Evans—Happy New Year.
N. C. Home B. A.—Turn over new leaf
Academy of Music—"Battle for Life"
Hotel Ollivette—L. A. Peartree, Propr. and Manager.
Darley Park Brewery—Jno. M. Wright, Manager. Third page.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Lady's brown fur.

— Tickets for the W. L. I. entertainment, at the Academy of Music next Wednesday night, are on sale at DeRosset's book store.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION

The Y. M. C. A. Had an Open House Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night.

FIVE HUNDRED CALLERS.

Boys and Girls Received in the Afternoon and Grown Folks at Night—Beautiful Decorations — Dainty Refreshments—Association News.

The Young Men's Christian Association always observes New Year's day with a big reception to the public, and on these occasions the Ladies' Auxiliary always plays hostess.

According to this beautiful custom the Association had "open house" yesterday afternoon and last night. The entire building was profusely and handsomely decorated. The parlors were lovely with a most tasteful arrangement of bamboo, potted palms and ferns, and boughs of long leaf pine. The capacious lobby was exceedingly attractive with a profusion of smilax, holly and pine, and so were the other rooms.

Yesterday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock and ending at 6 P. M., the reception was for boys and girls. About 200 young folks dropped in and they had a great time in delightful social intercourse, playing games, and enjoying dainty refreshments that were most charmingly served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Last night from 8:30 till 11 o'clock, the grown folks were received and from the opening till the close people were coming and going. About 350 to 400 people attended, including many young ladies. The Ladies' Auxiliary received and was assisted by the Association's social committee of which Mr. J. T. King is chairman. They gave everybody a most cordial greeting, and certainly made the affair a most successful and delightful one.

The feature of the evening was a splendid gymnastic exhibition, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The class went through the work in a most creditable manner and astonished everybody with their feats. The following was the programme:

1. Running Maze—Class.
2. Running High Jump.
3. Comedy Boxing.
4. Exercises Over German Horse—Lesler's Corps.
5. Wrestling—R. N. Jobe, A. N. Hilburn.
6. Wand Drill—Class.
7. Tumbling—F. DuPre, F. M. Bryant.
8. Exercises on Parallel Bars.

The gymnastic exhibition took place in the auditorium and after it was over, delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. Mitt Moore and a score of lovely young ladies. The refreshments embraced ice cream, cake, coffee, tea and chocolate, and there was the greatest abundance throughout the evening. The evening was spent in social intercourse, and the affair was greatly enjoyed by everybody. Mr. Charles Dushau, the general secretary, and Mrs. Dushau were conspicuous in making it pleasant for the children of whom there were from 350 to 400.

The chairman of the Auxiliary's committees which made the occasion such a pronounced success were as follows:

Reception—Mrs. A. D. McClure.
Refreshments—Mrs. Mitt Moore.
Decorations—Mrs. Dr. Charles. T. Harper.

OTHER Y. M. C. A. MATTERS.

The boys' membership contest, which began December 1st, closed Thursday night, and the result was an addition of 26 boys to the junior membership of the Association. The contesting teams were the "Yellows," Captain Victor Grainger, Jr., and the "Reds," Captain James Wade. The "Yellows" were victorious, having scored 48 points to 32 for the "Reds." Captain Wade won the prize for having secured the largest number of members for any single individual of the two teams. He turned in six names and one an annual membership. On next Wednesday night the losing team is to serve a fine supper to the winners. The supper will be served in the refreshment room.

Yesterday the men's membership contest began and it will conclude February 1st, or a few days later, when the winners are to have a sumptuous supper served to them by the losers. The two teams are the "Blues," Captain R. H. Pickett, and the "Whites," Captain J. A. McGeachy.

To-morrow at the men's 5 o'clock meeting, the Rev. W. I. Herbert, an eloquent Methodist minister from Columbia, S. C., is to be the speaker. No doubt he will have a large audience.

All the gymnasium classes, which suspended work for the holidays, will resume work next Monday.

Election of Officers.

At the meeting of George Washington Council, No. 67, Junior Order United American Mechanics last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Jr. P. C.—N. J. Williams.
C —J. H. Burriss.
V. C.—Dr. M. H. P. Clark.
Chap.—J. G. Ittner.
Rec. Sec.—C. R. Anderson.
Asst. Rec. Sec.—J. W. West.
Financial Sec.—W. G. Brinkley.
Treasurer.—C. L. Spencer.
Warden—A. T. Blizzard.
Is. Sent.—H. W. Howell.
Os. Sent.—C. O. Russ.
Cond.—W. L. Burkheimer.
Trustees.—M. Bellamy, Jr., Jas. F. Woolven, Jas. H. Burriss.
Representatives to the State Council—C. G. Langley and Marsden Bellamy, Jr.

BLAR, TURKEYS AND DEER.

This Section an Eldorado for Nimrods. What Two Hunting Parties Did in the Woods Last Wednesday.

That this section of North Carolina is a great field for the sportsman may be inferred from reports from the Nimrod friends of the STAR.

Capt. W. H. Ward, who lives in Wilmington and hangs out at Rook's station, on the A. & Y. branch of the Atlantic Coast Line, in Bladen county, dropped in to make a report from the committee on field sports during Christmas. He tells us that from Christmas day till Thursday, hunters in the neighborhood of Rook's killed ten fine deer, and quail, squirrels and other game too numerous to mention. On Wednesday morning Capt. Ward and Messrs. O. F. Woodcock and Lee Woodcock took to the woods and in a short while were on their way home with two fine does on the pole. The deer each weighed from 125 to 150 pounds and were young, fat and sleek. While on the way back the dogs flushed a big drove of wild turkeys and Mr. Lee Woodcock brought down a fine gobbler that lit on a tree. The turkey was a fine one and weighed 16 pounds after he was dressed.

On the afternoon, of Wednesday, Captain Ward went to Rook's millpond to see how the duck crop was spending Christmas. He found them disporting themselves in great numbers, and he didn't do a thing but carry six fine ducks back home.

Talking about wild turkeys, Captain Ward says the oldest inhabitant has never known them to be so plentiful about Rooks as they are this year. Already this winter Mr. Luden Sherman has killed about thirty. Deer are plentiful and quail are also in great abundance.

KILLED A BEAR.

Dr. W. D. McMillan returned Thursday evening from a trip up to Duplin county. He tells us that on Wednesday, near Teachey's, on the Atlantic Coast Line, in Duplin county, Mr. F. J. Sanders, chief of the mason force of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. G. W. Boney, of Richmond, Va., went out for a day's sport. While hunting on Mr. Ephraim Boney's place the dogs bayed a bear in a pocosin. Mr. Sanders shot the bear and wounded him, and while the animal was making the desperate fight of his life he killed one of the hunters' best dogs. Mr. Boney then got in a shot and killed the bear. The bear was a young one, but weighed 280 pounds. The hunters sent it to Mr. I. B. Rhodes and it was on his stalls at Front street market yesterday.

Besides killing the bear, Messrs. Sanders and Boney bagged sixty-seven quail. On account of the dry summer the birds hatched out and raised in great quantities, and it is said it has been years since they were so plentiful.

VETERAN 101 YEARS OLD.

Death of Mr. Ezekiel Blizzard, Who Served in Two Wars.

Mr. Ezekiel Blizzard, aged 101 years, died on last Wednesday, December 30th, near Cronly, Bladen county, N. C.

Mr. Blizzard served in the United States army during the Mexican war, and was also a Confederate veteran, having served during the civil war in Company I, First Regiment, North Carolina volunteers.

The aged soldier has been able to work on the farm up to within a few days of his last illness.

Death of a Little Boy.

Eddie, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Lumpkin, of Atlanta, Ga., died of pneumonia in this city about 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The little one was aged 3 years, 5 months and 17 days.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Lumpkin, 312 Campbell street, and was conducted by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. The interment was made in Bellevue cemetery.

Another one of Mr. Lumpkin's children, a girl, Christinia, is quite sick.

The Lady Odd Fellows.

Letitia Lodge No. 3, Daughters of Rebeckah, met last night and elected the following officers:

N. G.—Mrs. C. C. Harriss.
V. G.—Miss M. Landing.
R. S.—Miss Viola Parker.
F. S.—Mrs. W. B. Watts.
Treas.—J. O. Wiggs.

The above officers will be installed Friday night, January 8th, after which refreshments will be served.

Gone to Philadelphia.

Hon. B. F. Aycock, of Whiteville, brother of Governor Charles B. Aycock, came up to the city yesterday and left last night for Philadelphia, where he is under treatment for inflammatory rheumatism. He recently returned from Philadelphia and was quite sick a few days ago, but his friends are glad to know that he is able to go North again. We are glad to note that he is improving.

Stole From Her Sister.

Constable W. B. Savage last afternoon arrested Lizzie Robinson, colored, on the charge of stealing a pair of ear-rings from her sister, Carrie Stewart. She will have a hearing before Justice J. J. Fowler this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Mount Olive New Hotel, (Hotel Ollivette) will open Jan. 2nd, 1904. Hotel strictly modern. Rates $2.00 per day, special rates by the week.
L. A. PEARTREE, Man. & Prop.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Formal Opening of the Howard Relief Club House Last Night.

GRAND BALL AND BANQUET.

Fifty-six Couples Participated in the Dance—Beautiful Decorations for the Occasion—Handsome Souvenirs—Many Present.

Last night was a memorable occasion with that splendid old German organization, the Howard Relief Company. It was the formal opening of the company's handsome new club building at Front and Orange streets, a description of which appeared in yesterday's STAR.

Early in the evening great throngs of handsomely dressed people poured into the building and a couple of hours were enjoyably spent in inspecting the handsome appointments of the building, the beautifully furnished rooms, the elegant hall and and the tasteful decorations. The decorations, as mentioned in yesterday's STAR, were by that postmaster of taste and experience, Mr. Will Rehder, the color scheme being green, white, red and purple. The ball-room decorations were fully described yesterday, and it can be added that under the brilliant light from the chandeliers last night they were exceedingly attractive and greatly admired.

After the building had been filled up with a happy and gay throng, the Hollowbush orchestra arrived and occupied the reserve in the pretty gallery overlooking the ball-room. At 10 P. M. the inspiriting dance music began and the magnificent hall was appropriately dedicated to Tupsichore. Fifty-six couples, beautiful ladies and and handsome gentlemen, were on the floor in the mazes of the dance, and certainly it was a joyous and pretty spectacle to behold. The dance went merrily on till midnight, when the refrshment rooms on the first floor were thrown open.

In the refreshment room the presiding genius was Mrs. Peter N. Fisk, who for twenty years has prepared and served the baskets of the company. Two connecting rooms were spread with tables in two long rows, and they were laden with a most sumptuous supper, the menu being all in the way of substantials, delicacies and wines that the epicure might wish. The decorations in the rooms were pink and green, and consisted of a beautiful arrangement of palms, ferns, wild smilax, and red effects.

When the throng had assembled at the tables, Mr. Martin Rathjen, the popular president of the company, who has been honored with that office for twelve years, arose and in the hearty and happy manner peculiar to him, extended a most cordial welcome to everybody. He spoke of the handsome building and the happy occasion of its openings and he said truly that that the new club house was a credit to the company and an ornament to the city, and happily rung in the company's motto. "We do our best," and surely all knows that the old company never fails to do that. His speech was received with the heartiest applause.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz, architect and constructor of the building, then arose and in a nice speech presented the keys of the club house to Mr. J. W. Duls, chairman of the building committee. He complimented and congratulated the committee, and his excellent remarks met with a storm of applause.

Chairman Duls in a most appropriate and happy speech received the keys, and turning to President Rathjen he presented them to him in a most felicitous manner. President Rathjen received them with remarks in his best style, and amid applause and rejoicing this part of the programme ended.

In response to calls, however, Mr. J. G. L. Gieschen, treasurer of the company and member of the building committee, responded and said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: On this occasion I shall not attempt to burden you with any long talk, but will say that I am glad that we have at last about completed this our new home and shall certainly be more than pleased if it will prove a success and a benefit to us all. It is here we should cultivate not only fellowship, but also good citizenship. That it may prove to be a source of pleasure, social and friendly intercourse to not only our members, but also to the ladies and lady friends of our members, is my sincere desire. Wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous new year, I ask you to raise your glasses to the success of the H. R. Co."

Mr. Gieschen received enthusiastic applause, and then the splendid refreshments, choice fruits and sparkling champagne were enjoyed to the utmost.

After supper the throng again repaired to the ball room and the dancing was resumed and kept up till nearly daylight.

Beautiful souvenir badges were given out for the occasion, all of them containing in lettering of gold, "Club House Opening, Howard Relief Company, January 1, 1904," and "H. R. Co., Wilmington, N. C. Organized February, 1856." The badges consisted of a centre button, with blue and white ribbons for the committeemen, lilac and white for the members, orange and purple and white for the chairmen of the committees, and blue and white for the ladies.

The [illegible] was in charge of the reception committee, consisting of Messrs. H. Gieschen, chairman; Martin Schnibben, W. A. Mahler, W. H. Coleman, W. F. Stolter, William Tienken, C. B. Rehder. They did the honors in the most approved style, while the ball was under the excellent management of Messrs. Carl Rehder and Will Tienken, floor managers.

Work on the new club house began last February, and now it has been finally opened for the use of the members of the company and their friends. The anniversary of the company occurs February 20th, and the anniversary ball will be given on the Wednesday night nearest that date. Thus another happy time will be in store for the members and their friends.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Bloody Assault Last Night on Andrew J. Walker, the Colored Ex-Alderman.

Last night about 9 o'clock Andrew J. Walker, the colored ex-alderman, was brutally assaulted and robbed by two negroes, on Nun street, near and just east of the street car line on Sixth street.

Walker is treasurer of a lodge which meets at Ruth Hall, on Seventh and Nun streets, a block from where the robbery occurred. He went around by Castle street on a car to go to Ruth Hall, and got off the car at Sixth and Nun streets, as the car was going north on Sixth street. When he jumped off the car it pulled right out, and as he started out Nun street to go to the hall he saw two men standing under the shade of the trees. Not suspecting anything, he passed them, and just as he did so one of them felled him with a stick, and the other also hit him as he was attempting to rise. Both licks were across the head, and he was knocked senseless. Both men jumped on him while he was down and struck him several more licks.

When the robbers had him in their power they went through his pockets and tore out his pants pockets, robbing him of between $75 and $100, he says. He states that he had a good roll of bills, some of the money belonging to Giblem Lodge of Masons and some of it his own.

Walker was severely injured by his assailants. He was badly bruised about the head and was bleeding from both ears and his nose, when he came back down town on a car on his way home. Soon after the assault another car passed and he boarded it for home. He states that one of his assailants was a bright mulatto and the other a black man.

CHARMING RECEPTION.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wells Held Reception Yesterday and Last Night.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wells, beginning yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and continuing till 11 o'clock last night, received the members of the First Presbyterian church and those who compose the congregation.

The reception was held at the manse, No. 314 Orange street, and for the occasion the parlors were beautifully decorated with palms and smilax and mistletoe, while in the refreshment room there were pretty Christmas decorations, the colors being red and green, the features being red draperies, pink and white carnations, ivy, wild smilax, ferns and palms.

From the time the reception began until the closing hour, a great throng of the representative people of the church called and extended to Dr. and Mrs. Wells the felicitations of the New Year. Receiving with host and hostess were the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Trawick, and the receivers had a most cordial greeting for all callers. The reception was informal and very charming, and the occasion will be most happily remembered by all who attended.

Dainty refreshments were charmingly served, those in charge of the refreshment room being Mrs. J. G. Barentine, Mrs. J. P. Pearsall, Mrs. Thomas Macdonald, and Misses Margaret Gibson, Julia Hill, Nan Huggins, Sallie Bell Jackson, Grace Turlington and Annette Morton.

RECORD BREAKING HOUSE.

Mabel Paige Packed Academy Last Night. Elks Will be Her Guests To-night.

The largest audience in the history of the house was at the Academy of Music last evening to see Mabel Paige and her excellent company in "Tennessee's Pardner," and all were more than pleased, as the play was one of the best offerings of the week.

To-night Miss Paige and the Cowan Brothers will have as their guests the Wilmington Lodge of Elks. The play will be a stirring, sensational melodrama, "A Battle for Life." This is a scenic production for which this company carries all special scenery. Principal among the startling situations is a storm at sea, and as put on by this company it is one of the most realistic effects ever produced by any traveling company. After the performance Miss Paige and her company will be the guests of the Elks at their temple.

A special feature will be given this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when an elaborate production of "Cinderella" will be given. Matinee prices 10-20 cents. Seats are on sale at Plummer's.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SUITS and Overcoats.

Parents and guardians whose duty it is to look after the comfort and stylish appearance of the boy should by all means see this magnificent display of apparel. All styles are here—two and three piece Suits, Blouse, Norfolk, etc. All manly little Suits, in all stylish colors. Junior Suits for Children, 3 to 7 years old. Boys' Suits, 8 to 16 years old. Youths' Suits, for young men, 16 to 19 years old.

MEN'S SUITS

Suits in a variety of styles, Sacks, double-breasted and three and four-button Suits; all sizes, regulars, stouts and slims. In this masterly display of stylish suits are Tuxedos and full dress suits for formal and informal occasions. We carry the highest class goods of any clothing store in North Carolina.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers,
Sole Agents Strouse Bros. and Kuppenheimer's Fine Clothing.
jan 2 tf Masonic Temple.

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THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

Special Announcement.

Commencing with the first Saturday in the New Year our Store will close promptly at 10 P. M. every Saturday, except the ones just before Easter and Christmas.

For Our Employes.

We do this in appreciation of our employe's faithful services and trust that it will meet with your approval. Our employes are always anxious to please you and they will appreciate your visiting the store early Saturday evenings.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

jan 2 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

We Have Received

Compliment after compliment on the selection of our holiday stock. We are thankful for same.

We have been equally as careful in selecting our stock for

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and trust we shall deserve a continuance of compliments from the buying public. We wish you a happy New Year.

Platt & Haar,

dec 30 tf we ss 114 Market Street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. R. L. Allen, of Elm City, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. Lennox Barnes, of this city, arrived last night from Bloomington, Ind.

— Hereafter no "Personals" sent through the mails, or direct to the office, will be printed in the STAR unless accompanied with a responsible name.

— Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Boatwright and Mr. Victor T. Boatwright, of Portsmouth, Va., arrived in the city yesterday to spend New Year with their father, Capt. John L. Boatwright.

— Mr. Julius C. Schwarz, wife and children, of Savannah, are here spending the holidays with friends. When he returns home, Mr. Schwarz will go to Germany where his father, Capt. C. Schwarz, formerly of this city, now resides.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Extended to all our friends and patrons who gave us this season the best holiday trade we ever had. We thank you sincerely and kindly ask all who wear Shoes to help us and our cash-on-approval system. Make 1904 our banner year.

Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS CO.

Same Old Place. jan 2 tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Public Installation

Officers of local union No. 809, Carpenters and Joiners, of Wilmington, N. C., on Saturday night, Jan. 2nd, 1904. All union men of any craft and their families are cordially invited, and especially the ladies; the aims and objects of the order will be explained by speakers from our own craft and refreshments will be served after installation of officers.

J. G. SMITH, President.
D. ROUNTREE, Secretary. jan 1 2t

Turn Over a New Leaf

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SENDING THE POOR TO THE COUNTRY.

Some enthusiastic persons in Chicago have organized "The Field and Workshop Society," the object of which is to take the very poor from the tenement districts of the large cities and provide them with homes and facilities for making themselves self-supporting in the country. The society made some experiments in this direction during the last Summer, and the results were sufficiently satisfactory to encourage plans for enlarged effort in the work for next year. The plan of the society is not materially different from that of the Salvation Army, which has been most successful in its plans for redeeming victims of the slums, and helping them to become honest, worthy, and independent by work and association with the army's different farm colonies. The plan is a splendid one for the alleviation of the condition of the well-nigh hopeless poor, who are compelled to spend their lives in a fight for a miserable existence in some of the crowded tenement districts in the cities. It removes their children from the temptations and vices that thrive in the crowded district, gives them something to live for, something to look forward to and a prospect of a final possession of property and personal independence as rewards for industry and proper living.

The new society should, however, take a lesson from the book of experience in this work. It is highly important that the children who are to be the beneficiaries of this worthy philanthropic movement should be removed from the cities in their infancy. There has been much work by honest and enthusiastic men and women in large cities, within the last few years, in the direction of giving poor children summer outings in the country, a few weeks at the seaside, and trips into the clover fields and orchards. The testimony of the leaders in these "Fresh Air" movements is almost invariably to the effect that they accomplish little good for boys and girls more than ten years of age. The product of the tenement district, boy or girl, after the age of ten years has been reached, is seldom satisfied with country life. Pure air, fresh milk, fruits from the trees, honey, crisp vegetables, and the odor of new-mown hay are all right in their way, and for a time appeal strongly to the product of the tenement. After the novelty wears off, however, and this comes quickly on the farm, where oppressive stillness reigns after candlelight, the youngster becomes homesick. He wants to get back into the heat and sweat and stench of things. He longs for the scorching hot pavement, the dirty alley, the music of the hurdy-gurdy, the chance to steal fruit from the dago on the corner, the privilege of carrying beer from the corner saloon, and the boon of the tenement boy's life, the pleasure of pestering the fat policeman on the beat. He may be hungry, he may have no bed, and he may be beaten by drunken parents, but the atmosphere of the alley is meat and drink to him, and compared to it the well-fed monotony of life in the country is dull, flat, stale and unprofitable. The plan of the Field and Workshop Society is most commendable and worthy of all success, but if its promoters hope to work reforms among the children of the slums they must catch them while they are young.—*Washington Post.*

THE ROOSEVELT INDICTMENT.

That President Roosevelt will be re-nominated there is hardly room for a doubt; whether or not he can be re-elected will depend upon the Democratic nominee and the wholehearted unanimity with which the party stands by him.

While the Roosevelt following in the Republican party is sanguine that he can be triumphantly re-elected, it cannot be denied that there is a large, conservative and respectable element among Republicans that deplores the necessity for Roosevelt's renomination, regards him as a political bull in a china shop, and is genuinely concerned in regard to the lengths to which his reckless strenuosity may go in imperilling the peace of the republic.

His recent deal with Panama and the reckless treatment of Colombia have opened the eyes of many people to the rights which he assumes belong to the executive without the consent or co-operation of any other co-ordinate branch of the government. But in the light of this crowning usurpation of authority we should not forget other glittering points in the record. In connection with the recent meeting of the Republican National Executive Committee to select the convention city, which was taken as the opening of the Republican campaign, the Hartford *Times* framed an indictment against President Roosevelt containing the following counts:

1. His whole course toward Rear Admiral Schley and General Miles, and especially the retirement of Miles without a word of commendation or recognition, such as is customary when officers of the highest rank are retired.

2. His attempt to make his friend, Leonard Wood, a major general in derogation of the services and claims of nearly all the other higher officers in the army, and regardless of the revelations of Wood's self seeking methods and heartlessness toward fellow officers.

3. The revelations of the evasion of the law by his other most intimate friend, Congressman Littauer, of New York, and the apparent fact that these revelations have made no difference in their personal relations.

4. The undoing of all the good accomplished by President McKinley in establishing better feeling among the white citizens of the South and the substitution of a personal "negro policy" of his own for the purpose of affecting the negro vote in the Northern States.

5. His recognition of Addicks, the Delaware boss, and his encouragement of the idea that the Addicks political method is entitled to just as much consideration as those of other leaders, provided the questionable method is successful. Coupled with this was the approval of the discharge of a woman postmaster for no other reason than that she was personally distasteful to Addicks' Senator, Allee.

6. Various wild "breaks" in our relations with foreign governments, such as his placing the United States for the first time in antagonism to Russia (in the Manchurian affair), and the dispatch of the European squadron to Beirut, without waiting for information of any real necessity, on a pretext that turned out to be utterly frivolous.

7. The "blow in the dark," which he administered to every financial administrator in the country when he precipitated the suit in the Northern Securities case without conference with or warning to any of those whose interests were greatly affected by that action.

8. His attempts to interfere in labor strikes and contests, for other purposes than to secure the enforcement of the law.

9 Silly talk about "race suicide," and glorification of large families without regard to the burden imposed on the parents or the character of the children.

To this must be added, of course, the Panama count, which we have referred to above, but which had not developed so fully at the time our Hartford contemporary framed the indictment, or else had failed to impress itself in the light in which it now appears to so many fair-minded and honor-loving men in all parties. —*Augusta Chronicle.*

TWINKLINGS.

—"'Tain' no disgrace to love money," said Uncle Eben, "pervided you loves it well enough to buckle down an' work fur it."—*Washington Star.*

— "Well," said Mr. Polk, for the fourth or fifth time, "I must be going." "What a queer delusion," replied Miss Bord; you're really quite stationary."—*Phil. Press.*

— Husband—What does it matter how plain your clothes are? Beauty, you know, is only skin deep, and— Wife: And I really would like to make mine sealskin deep just for once.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Aster—I consider it a very clever idea. I was thinking of making it into an ode. Kaster—Why not a quatrain? Aster—Nonsense! That would be too short. Kaster—H'm. I don't think any of the editors would consider it so.—*Phil. Press.*

— Mrs. Rubber—That busybody woman next door stood for half an hour in her dining room to-day looking into ours. Mr. Rubbar—How do you know, dear? Mrs. Rubbar—Why, I happened to be in our dining room watching her.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— In after years they met again. "No," he said, "I shall never forgive you for refusing to marry me." "But," she protested, "you married another woman shortly after." "That's just it," sighed the man. "Your refusal is responsible for my present marriage."—*Chicago News.*

— "But you know," persisted the wife who was trying to work her husband for a new outfit, "that all women are slaves to fashion." "True, my dear," replied the heartless husband, "but I'm not the man to give up money for the purpose of encouraging slavery in any form."—*Chicago News.*

— Jenkins—What's the matter, old man? You look sore. Pheeder—So I am, I wish the Government would exterminate these sparrows that overrun the country. Jenkins—How do they bother you? Pheeder—They give me indigestion every time I eat "reed birds" at a restaurant.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

— Goodman Gonrong—We don't git nothin' at that house. I asked the woman for some cold vittles, a cup of cawfey, some clothin' an' a place to sleep in the barn, an' by gum! she said I was comin' it a little bit too strong, an' she shet the door in my face. Tuffold Knut—That's wot we git, ye blamed fool! fur puttin' all your begs in one ask it.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

— Senator Daniel is quite correct when he remarks that never before have there been such open defiance and contempt of the law of secrecy which ordinarily prevails in the conduct of diplomatic affairs as have been displayed in this Panama business. And both sides appear to be about equally guilty of this indictment.—*Boston Globe.*

— In the great Democratic victory in Boston is one of the signs of the direction in which the wind is blowing. The mephitic breezes that sweep upward from Panama appear to have completely paralyzed the efforts of the Republicans of Massachusetts. TLe buccaneer policy of Roosevelt's administration will find few supporters in the Bay State.—*Philadelphia Record.*

— There is one factor in the situation, however, that makes it probable that Japan is in better comparative position to-day than she was a few months ago, even despite the increase in Russia's far eastern fleet. This is that, having done all she could to avert war by process of diplomatic negotiations—to preserve "peace with honor," as Premier Katsura puts it—she will have the heartier support of England should the latter power be dragged into the conflict.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— Col. Bryan has reached St. Petersburg and had a fourteen-hour talkfest with Tolstoi. It is not known who won, but it is said the conversation took the widest range. About the widest range imaginable would be a free discussion of the question, "Should a Great Commoner Wear Spats?" Information that Col. Bryan is wearing spats has caused much excitement in Nebraska, where the shoe attachments are believed to be some part of a harness belonging to pajamas and worn only by dudes at night.—*New York Telegram.*

— It is freely said by both Democratic and Republican Senators that this particular treaty may yet lead us into very interesting proceedings with Russia. That country means to monopolize the government and trade of Manchuria and it is as certain as anything can be that she will look upon our intrusion through Mukden and Antung as impertinent. She can hamper our trade by internal transportation regulations and duties, as she own the railroads; or, she may deny the right of China to grant free entry into those ports to anybody without Russian consent.—*Atlanta Constitution*

— Hanna's candidacy receives a questionable indorsement from Perry S. Heath, who declares that the Ohio Senator was McKinley's choice for the succession. This might very well be, though circumstances are known to alter cases. Heath's good word for Hanna for President comes appropriately after Hanna's good word for Heath for secretary of the national committee, and may be regarded also as a manifestation of that gratitude which recognizes favor to come. As a gentleman under fire, Heath is prudently providing himself with influential friends, but it is a question for Hanna to consider whether his claim upon popular regard is sufficiently strong to withstand a recognized community of interests with Heath.—*Philadelphia Public Ledger.*

— There are at various places in the United States the graves of some 30,000 Confederate prisoners of war who died while in prison. Many are on land not owned, but leased, by the government. Others are on land owned by the United States, but the graves are in large part imperfectly marked and the ground is not properly inclosed. A bill is pending in the Senate and has been favorably reported making a modest appropriation to acquire possession of leased land, to inclose all lands containing graves and to mark each grave with a stone like those in the Confederate section at Arlington, giving the name, with company, regiment and State, of the dead. This bill provides for the performance of a duty to which the attention of Congress was first called twenty-five years ago. There should be no question of its passage. —*New York Times.*

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite, and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run-down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c a bottle.

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It seems hardly credible that not more than thirty minutes from all the noise and bustle of Paris there lies a village that is so quiet, so peaceful and so old fashioned that one would imagine oneself at least a hundred miles away from the gay capital. Here at this village, La Frette by name, and about fifteen minutes' walk from Cormeilles, preparations for midday and evening repasts have to be made very early in the morning, for no such thing as a good shop is anywhere near, and the walk to Cormeilles is one which one considers twice before taking, for it is up steep and rough roads. So daily butcher, baker and greengrocer pass this quaint little place, and the villagers gather round the various tradesmen and make their purchases for the day. They also buy their clothes in this way and may often be seen trying on bonnets, dresses and boots in the middle of the street. From a scenic point of view all artists have agreed that there is no place to equal La Frette between Paris and Havre. To the left of the village is the park of Maisons Laffitte, and facing the park is Sartrouville, while opposite lies the forest of St. Germain in all its green splendor. To the right is Herblay, quite an important place, whose church is visible for miles along the Seine. La Frette itself has the quaintest villagers possible. Many of them speak worse French than those of the Midi, and it is an event indeed when one takes a journey up to the capital. They are thriftiest of the thrifty. Only a short time ago one of the peasants gave his daughter no less a sum than a quarter of a million of francs on her wedding day, and another is to receive the same amount on her approaching marriage. And yet this man, who must be worth 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 francs at least, lives in a patched up old house and digs in the fields from early morning till late at night.—Exchange.

Bull Thigh's Trip.

A short time ago old Bull Thigh, a Cheyenne, was beaten almost to death by a white man. The man was arrested and taken to Helena for trial. Bull Thigh was called as a witness. It was his first ride on the railroad. He said he wanted to be asleep as they went over the rivers and through the mountains (bridges and tunnels). At the hotel every one gave him a cigar, which he thought necessary from politeness to smoke, nearly doing him up. In the dining room he would eat all the waiters brought until he was "much stretched."

In the morning he complained about being cold in the night. The interpreter went with him to his room and found the bed untouched. He had simply rolled up in his own blanket and slept under the bed on the floor.

The judge finally discharged the man who whipped him, but Bull Thigh thought it was all right and that taking him to Helena on the cars, the presents, food and good time, was to even up matters, and he was perfectly satisfied, and now he brags of the trip with gusto.—Sunset Magazine.

Trials of the Invator.

The other day 700 trunks arrived on an ocean steamer, and every one was fastened with a metal clasp, a sort of open and snap arrangement. A few years ago the inventor of that clasp was hawking it around the country and feeling miserable because no one had sense enough to buy it. Finally he obtruded himself upon a hardware man in Chicago, I think it was. The usual amount of cold water was being thrown upon the patent, and he was about to depart when the silent partner remarked: "That may be a useful thing. Come back here this afternoon, and we'll talk about it." The talk resulted in its sale outright for $300. The firm introduced it to the trade in gross lots, and the profits to date are $500,000. The poor inventor!—New York Press.

Testing Shock of Concussion.

Some interesting experiments on the effect of concussion on living bodies have recently been made in the French navy. Some sheep were put in the Henri IV. at quarters, and one of the big guns was fired over them. They were stunned, but readily recovered. The inference is that human life will also survive the effect of the blast. Sheep were then put in a submarine, submerged, and torpedoes exploded near them. Neither the submarine nor the sheep were hurt. The boat was then brought to the surface, and sailors were substituted for the sheep. These also survived the shock of torpedoes exploded near by, so that the idea of a submarine being destroyed by its own torpedo must in future be discounted.

The Salmon Industry

At a single federal hatchery on the Pacific coast 20,000,000 salmon eggs have been taken from the early run, and it is expected that 50,000,000 will be the total for this year. The artificial raising of fish and the stocking of streams and lakes have been of incalculable benefit to this country already, and it is likely that this fruitful and beneficent work will be conducted on even a larger scale hereafter.

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THE HALL OF FAME.

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General Young began his military career as a private in the Twelfth Pennsylvania infantry in 1861.

Count Tolstoi continues pessimistic as to modern liberty. He is inclined to think that there isn't anything of the kind.

Brunor Peters, editor, of Dresden has been sentenced to prison for lese majesty for a few remarks regarding Princess Mathilde's gift of 72 cents to a widow with four children.

When Reginald Vanderbilt returned from his European wedding tour the customs officers rejected his declarations, searched his forty trunks and assessed him $8,000 in duties.

During the recent visit of Baron Speck von Sternburg to the president at Sagamore Hill the ambassador and the president showed themselves to be evenly matched as marksmen.

C. W. Post of New York has in his possession a curious volume, a copy of Shakespeare's "King Henry VI.," first part, edited by Lord Tennyson, perhaps for private theatricals, more likely for part reading.

Lewis Lewark of Currituck county is known as the "strong boy of North Carolina." He is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs more than 500 pounds and is strong in proportion. He is just seventeen years old.

Probably the oldest public officer in the nation is Judge John Slaughter, assistant to the state librarian of Wyoming, who has passed his ninety-fourth birthday. He is at his post of duty daily and confidently believes he will pass the century mark.

Ellis Lando, the first Hawaiian naval cadet to enter Uncle Sam's service at Annapolis, was born in San Francisco in 1885 and is therefore eighteen years of age. Later he resided in Oregon and attended the Portland grammar school, going with his parents to Honolulu in 1898.

Lotta M. Crabtree, once a stage favorite, has just sold for $50,000 a piece of San Francisco real estate for which she paid $12,000 some twenty years ago. Miss Crabtree made a deal of money as an actress and is now reputed to be several times a millionaire, owning $1,000,000 worth of property in Boston alone.

Presidents Ate With Their Knives.

All our earlier presidents ate with their knives. The stately George Washington, the irascible John Adams, the original Thomas Jefferson, the learned James Madison and the popular James Monroe—each shoveled in his food with his knife. John Quincy Adams was the first president who ate with his fork. And his wife felt it necessary to explain to the guests at the White House that "Mr. Adams had learned to eat with his fork while in France and that he couldn't overcome the habit." Andrew Jackson restored the "republican simplicity" of eating with his knife. All of those we have named also poured their tea or coffee into their saucers to cool it. It is related of General Taylor that when he was president he could be seen in the streets of Washington early in the morning with a market basket on his arm going from one butcher to another and bargaining for a steak or a rib roast. If he had bargained less persistently, he might have served out his term, for we have heard it was owing to the inferior quality of the cherries he ate on the Fourth of July, 1850, that sickness attacked him and he died on the 9th of July.—Utica Observer.

Feline Ethics.

A correspondent sends the following story to Animal Life:

"I called the kitten," writes the correspondent, "who sprang from her basket where she had been lying with her mother and followed me into the next room. The cat followed, growling warningly, and, taking it up by the neck, I replaced it in the basket. Again I called it, and again it came at my call. This time the mother, growling still more threateningly, followed us again, but this time she seized the kitten by the tail instead of the neck, evidently as a punishment, and pulled it roughly along, the kitten mewing helplessly. For a third time I called, and once more it came to me, but this time the mother was silent. She came, took up the kitten, dragged it off and then began to bite it again and again in order to secure its obedience. This method was successful, and the next time I called it was in vain."

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Guy Standing will be Fay Davis' leading man in the dramatization of "Lady Rose's Daughter."

May Buckley is to succeed Katherine Grey as leading woman for Henry E. Dixey in "Facing the Music."

Cecil Raleigh calls his new piece for the London Drury Lane a "melofarce." The title is "The Flood Tide."

B. C. Carton's comedy, "The Clean Plate," is to be Jessie Millward's stellar vehicle for the coming season.

Lee Arthur has written a play entitled "A Wreath of Thorns," which he expects Olga Nethersole to produce.

Sam Bernard, Hattie Williams and Harry Davenport are to appear in the London imported musical comedy "The Girl From Kay's."

The veteran A. M. Palmer has recovered his health and will manage the Herald Square theater, New York, for Charles Frohman.

Signora Varassi, premiere danseuse at La Scala, Milan, has been engaged to lead the ballet in the Metropolitan Grand Opera company next season.

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At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1890.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,131,908 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	200 00 0	Surplus and net profits	104,308 80
Bank Building	30,500 00	Circulation	9 0,000 0
Cash on hand and in Banks	718 1 6 24	Deposits	1,897,149 88
	$1 929 658 96		$2,229,658 96

Comparative statement of deposits.

Nov. 17th, 1901, $672,308 88.
Nov. 17th, 1902, $51,164,009 05
Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,697,149 88.

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.
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Cuban Blossom —AND— RENOWN CIGARS.

These Cigars are better than ever

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50 Bbls Stick Candy.
200 Cases Salmons.
100 Boxes Octagon Soap.
300 Bags Green Coffee.
100 Boxes Borax Soap.
100 Boxes Arbuckle Soap.
100 Cases Sardines.
100 Bbls Mullets.
100 Bags Peanuts.
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Molasses, Syrups and a complete line of Groceries and Tobaccos for sale at lowest prices.

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Weather predictions without a rival. Special prices on application.

1904.....NEW.....1904.

Virginia State Gazetteer will be published Fall 1904—Price $5 00.

For further information address HILL DIRECTORY COMPANY, dec 23 tf Richmond, Va.

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Wills, Executrix of J. W. Wills vs. M. E. Wills et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court house door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 68.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 130 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 65 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with norther line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 8

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 33, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 80 feet, with Dawson 26 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 80 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 26 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch southeast with the run thereof to northern line of Mulberry street, hence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of Lot 4, Block 470.

WALTER F. GAFFORD, Commissioner.
dec 19 1m

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We have in stock Remington with automatic ejector, Baltimore Hammerless, Winchester repeating shotgun, and complete line of Belgium Guns, Hunting Coats, Leggins, Gun Cases and Revolvers of all kinds. Our assortment of sporting goods is complete.

If you want serviceable goods and at fair prices you will find them at our establishment.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

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From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

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W. C. THOMAS & CO.,

Cronly, N. C.

Sole Manufacturers for this territory. no 28 tf

Statement of the Condition of the
ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At close of business November 17th, 1903.
Organized 1892.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$1 023 832 05	Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Bonds	218 5 0 00	Surplus, etc	188,136 85
Real Estate	30,000 00	Circulation	125 000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70,721 76	Deposits	1,346,269 29
In other Banks	386,046 33		
	456,770 09		
Total	$1,779,403 14	Total	$1,779,403 14

We aim to be liberal, yet safe.
We offer every facility known to modern banking nov 22 tf

Open An Account With Us.

We pay 4 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly. Deposits begin to draw interest from first of each month.

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Success

It has been clearly demonstrated that Wilmington will support an up-to-date China Store, and that the people do appreciate the same by giving it their liberal patronage.

Our Xmas trade was all that could be expected. For which I thank you. Truly yours,

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Highly recommended for its TONIC Properties and as a Preventive for **All Kinds of Fevers.**

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AN EPISODE OF SUMMER BOARDING

[Original.]

The farmhouse was small, but it was wonderful how many summer boarders it was capable of storing away. Among others were a girl and her mother and the young man to whom the daughter was engaged. The lovers were supposed to have gone to the country for constant cooing, but somehow, so far as the other boarders were concerned, they saw very little of it. During the first few days they took walks together in the morning, but always came back looking bored. In the afternoon the girl went to sleep.

On one of these afternoons the lover sat on the porch with another girl.

"Did you ever walk down that lane?" she asked.

"No," he said. He had walked it every day with his fiancee since they had been at the farm.

"It's very pretty; shaded nearly all the way."

"Would you mind showing it to me?"

"What would *she* say if she saw us going out together?"

"She won't see; she's asleep."

They arose and went into the lane, she chatting glibly.

"Don't talk so loud," said the young man in a half whisper.

"Why not?" asked the girl without lowering her voice.

"It always makes her cross to be disturbed in her nap."

"Oh, I see. I'll speak lower." But by this time it made no difference, for they were out of hearing. The girl led the way to a rustic seat and sat down, the man placing himself beside her.

"I come here every evening to see the sunset," she said. "Isn't the view a pretty one?"

"Very."

"Tell me about your ladylove. Are you desperately wrapped up in each other?"

"You must judge for yourself. You have seen us together a great deal."

She was sitting with her face, he with his back, toward the house. Her eye had caught something. He turned to look, but saw nothing unusual.

"Let's go on to the brook," she said.

He assented, and they walked on. Before they came to the brook she girl led the way from the lane to a meadow. When they reached the bank she said:

"How provoking! We can't get across, and there's a much prettier view from over there than from anywhere hereabout."

"There's a bridge below."

"It's too far."

"You can step across on those stones."

"I'd fall in."

"I can carry you."

"Dear me, no! What would she say?"

"If that's your only objection, since she's not here to see, I'll undertake it." And, picking her up, he carried her across.

They went to the spot where the view was fine and looked at it so long that they came in late for supper. His fiancee did not notice them, but sat munching her food moodily. After supper she and her lover walked in the lane. The days were long, and there was plenty of light.

"I am fortunate," she said, "in so early discovering your flippant character."

"If my character is flippant you certainly are fortunate in finding it out."

"A man who is caught by every pretty face during his engagement is not likely to make a very constant husband."

"I presume you refer to my walk this afternoon. If you go to sleep and leave me to myself"—

"I was not asleep when you went away. I heard her boisterous talk and you trying to keep her quiet that you might get away with her unobserved. I followed you"—

"Eavesdropped?"

"Call it what you like. I saw you carry her over the brook."

"Well?"

"Well, you are free to carry her through life for me."

He accepted his fate with resignation, and they walked back to the house, the girl going up to her room. He sat on the porch for awhile, then strolled back into the lane. Again he was followed, this time by the other girl.

"Has she dismissed you?" she asked.

"Yes."

"It didn't take much of a cause to make her do it."

"I suppose the cause was sufficient."

"Who's her correspondent in the city?"

"I didn't know she had any?"

"I was at the post office the other day when the mail came in. She seized upon a letter addressed in a man's hand."

"You don't mean it?"

"I saw her following us while we sat on the rustic seat."

"Why didn't you tell me?"

"Oh, I thought she wanted an excuse to break her engagement with you, and—men are so stupid—I thought you might"—

"Give her a chance. And you permitted me to carry you across the brook knowing she was looking on."

"I told you she mightn't like it."

They went on and sat on the rustic seat.

"What did you do it for?" he asked.

She looked down and smoothed her dress; then she looked out at the view, then down again and smoothed her dress.

"Come, tell me your object"—

"You're too good for her, and she didn't want you anyway."

"Am I too good for you?"

"That's for you to decide."

He was bending close over her. He kissed her.

CLARENCE STORMS SHALER.

African Rubber a Big Success.

Africa, owing to the enterprise of the Germans, promises to become a strong rival of South America in the production of rubber. A German planting company has purchased the primeval forests of Malende, on the bank of the Mongo river, where rubber trees were first discovered by Dr. Paul Preuss. Seed selected in Malende has been planted in Soppo, and the product of these trees bears a remarkable resemblance to Para rubber and brings good prices in the Hamburg market.

The number of rubber trees already planted by the company exceeds 200,000. The colonial division of the German foreign office has sent out descriptions and pictures of the trees, with requests that the people protect the wild trees when found and plant others. Because of the greater profit in rubber the people of the colony are largely abandoning the cultivation of cacao.

Honesty.

If honesty is the best policy in business, it is also the best policy when one has done wrong and is confronted with the question whether he shall confess everything frankly or make excuses. A transparent excuse is worse than none at all.

After a man is married he discovers that his wife's golden tresses are nothing in the world but red hair.—Philadelphia Record.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE TRADE AND PUBLIC:

The undersigned takes pleasure to announce that he has accepted the Agency of the G. B. S. Company's Darley Park Brewery, of Baltimore, Md., for Wilmington and vicinity and is ready to supply his patrons with the

High Grade Pale Beers!

From this famous Brewery. These fine Malt and Hop Beverages are unquestionably superior in richness and flavor to any heretofore sold in this city. They are absolutely free from preservatives and the cheap ingredients used in the production of low grade beers.

Thoroughly wholesome, nutritious and strengthening they are especially beneficial to those who require an invigorating tonic.

The General Agency has been furnished with complete facilities for handling Beer in barrels or bottles, is provided with the newest arrangement for bottling and pasteurizing the Beers bottled at this agency.

Special delivery wagons will promptly serve all orders from the Trade and General Public.

Order by Mail or Telephone.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. WRIGHT.

Office and Depot 319 Nutt Street, Wilmington, N. C.

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A Poor Fisherman.

"I'll never go fishing with that lunkhead, Smith, again."

"Didn't catch anything, eh?"

"No, and dasn't say I caught anything for fear that he will tell the truth about it."—Judge.

More Whiskers For the Heir.

Little Johnny wanted more spinach, but he was uncertain about the pronunciation, so he said:

"Mamma, will you please give me more whiskers."—New York Press.

Might Have Been Nearer.

Wife (at 3 a. m.)—Oh, George! Wake up! I'm sure there's a burglar downstairs!

Husband—Gee! I'm glad he wasn't a porch climber!—Puck.

Takes No Risks.

"You go into the ocean every day?"

"Yes."

"But aren't you afraid?"

"Not at all. I'm safe. I don't know how to swim."—Washington Star.

Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief, and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Rates for Sewer Service

Water Closets - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Kitchen Sinks - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Bath Tubs - - - - 50 cts per quarter, each
Fixed Wash Basins 25 cts per quarter, each
Fixed Laundry Tubs 50c per quarter, per set

We carry our pipes to your property line without charge, and rates do not go into effect until service is rendered.

The Wilmington Sewerage Co.

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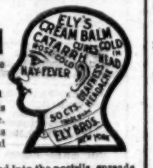
Nasal CATARRH



In all its stages there should be cleanliness.

Ely's Cream Balm cleanses, soothes and heals the diseased membrane. It cures catarrh and drives away a cold in the head quickly.

Cream Balm is placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. Relief is immediate and a cure follows. It is not drying—does not produce sneezing. Large Size, 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; Trial Size, 10 cents by mail.

ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

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Dr. Big Huckleberry Cordial

The Great Southern Remedy.

Cures all Stomach and Bowel Troubles, such as Chronic Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Bloody Flux, and also children teething. It seldom fails to make quick and permanent cures of all stomach and bowel diseases. See testimonial of the late

HENRY W. GRADY

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Dear Sir: This is the first occasion that I have ever given as to the merits of any medicine, but I take pleasure in recommending Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. I consider it the best remedy that I have ever used in my family for Stomach and Bowel Troubles. 50c invested in a bottle of this medicine to be used in the beginning of any stomach trouble will often save life as well as a large doctor's bill. I have a friend whose life was, in my opinion, saved by the prompt use of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. For sale by all Druggists, 25 and 50c per bottle.

(Signed) HENRY W. GRADY.

Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 1887.

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Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein will cure Coughs, Croup and Consumption. Price 25c and $1 a bottle.

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Acts as a Bar to Profitable Employment.

You cannot afford to grow old.

In these days of strenuous competition it is necessary to maintain, as long as possible ones youthful appearance.

It is impossible to do this without retaining a luxurious growth of hair.

The presence of Dandruff indicates the presence of a burrowing germ which lives and thrives on the roots of the hair until it causes total baldness.

Newbro's Herpicide is the only known destroyer of this pest, and it is as effective as it is delightful to use

Herpicide makes an elegant hair dressing as well as Dandruff cure.

Accept no substitute—there is none.

Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

BIG G CURES in 1 to 5 days. Guaranteed not to stricture. Prevents Contagion. THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO. CINCINNATI, O. U.S.A.

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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for $1.00, or 3 bottles $2.75. Circular sent on request.

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ENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Only Genuine. SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co. Madison Square Philada. PA

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Xmas Suggestions for the Holidays.

You cannot afford to spend days and hours in search of Christmas Presents. You will look the city over and find no better assortment or better value than in this Store. In all articles our line is complete and you get your money's worth and prices within the reach of all.

Our Rugs, Carpets, Art Squares and Mattings are Fine.

Attention is called to the assortments of Fancy Goods, Neckwear, Dress Patterns and trimmings to match.

Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas are the best.

Our Chinaware is something to think of.

New Gimps, Dressing Cases and Bags and Leather Goods are useful things to have.

Fancy Table Linens, Scarfs, Tray Covers and Fancy Doylies; all kinds of hemstitched goods for presents.

Blankets, Robes, Comforts, Couch Covers, Portiers, Pillow Tops, Sofa Pillows; too numerous to mention.

We want to close out our Furs and Cloaks for the season.

We invite you all to see them.

We are Agents for A. Reker's Perfumes and Toilet Requisites.
We are Agents for Butterick's Patterns.
We are Agents for the American Lady Corset.

Our goods are all substantial for Presents and the best that the market can afford. Make us a visit and judge for yourself. dec 16 tf

283 NEW CLOAKS!

We Are Receiving Daily New Cloaks.

Will have to arrive this week 283 all styles.

No. 331, a lady's Coat, made of the best material, full military finish, long Cape, all colors, at $6.98; they have been $10. Our best Coats $16.50. Same Coat, full Silk lined, latest style $12.50 in all colors. Some stores selling them for $20.

No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

MILLINERY.

Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

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A new line of very fine Furs, something fine for Christmas presents, $1.95, $3.50, $5, $6 and $8.

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A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

Waist, Stock Collars, Silk Mufflers.

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129 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.,
Next to Bonitz Hotel.

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COAL, COAL, COAL.

The COAL we are offering at $5.00 per Ton will make, you as good a fire, give you as much heat and do you as much service as Coals offered you at higher prices.

When you pay more you are throwing away the difference.

If warmth is what you want our COAL will give it to you.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Inter-State Phones 416, 146. Bell Phones 94, 64.

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A Happy New Year

To one and all! At the same time we wish to thank you for past favors and hope you will continue to favor us with your patronage. Best wishes from

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

The Leading Millinery House,

dec 27 tf 118 Market street.

CITY LIVERY CO.,

BAGGAGE TRANSFER.

BRASS POLISH, HARNESS OIL, CHAMOIS, SPONGES, SOAP,

RIDING BRIDLES. SADDLES, BLANKETS, ROBES, WHIPS.

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IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT

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Brass Fenders in several designs, $5, $6, $7.50 and $8.75

Brass Andirons, artistic designs, $5 to $6.50 per pair.

Brass Fire Sets, Stand, Shovel, Tongs and Poker, $5 $6 and $6.50.

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A large assortment Pocket Knives in Pearl and Horn Handles, blades of very best quality of steel.

Latest patterns in Scissors. Hermann Baker's make, nothing better, 50c to $3c.

Carving Sets, many *styles to select from,* $1.15 to $5.50 per set.

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This beautiful State and Island has been brought within easy reach by the splendid through train service of the

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Winter Tourists Tickets

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W. J. CRAIG,
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"What to say in Spanish and how to say it" sent to any address upon receipt of a two cent stamp.

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SHIPPERS NOTICE.

The Steamer Highlander will leave Mondays and Thursdays, and the Steamer City of Fayetteville Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 P. M. for Fayetteville. Gate will close at 3:30 P. M., and no freight will be received for steamer leaving at 4 after 3:30.

T. D. LOVE, Agent.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

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SCHEDULE
CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,
LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*† 1.00 A. M.	9.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.10 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
†6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 5 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 48
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 35 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 5 0 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 35 p m	1 35 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 33 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 26 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 15 p m	2 27 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 48 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 40 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	8 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 10 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	5 00 a m	8 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	9 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Florence	7 25 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 20 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 00 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 25 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	3 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

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TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m, arrives Lumberton 5:30 p. m., Pembroke 5:50 p m, Maxton 6:45 p m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 9:15 a m, Pembroke 9:35 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 8:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 25 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 59 p m	3 50 a m
Ar Athens	7 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	8 50 p m	7 05 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 05 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	8 45 a m	8 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	6 55 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 50 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	6 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 05 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 50 p m
Ar Washington	10 05 a m	8 25 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 05 p m	11 05 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 13 p m

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 2 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 07	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 25	7 27
P M	P. M.		A. M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train, West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.45 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2.

HOTEL FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Three Persons Were Killed and Four Others Injured—The Guests Panic Stricken—Narrow Escapes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Three persons were killed and four others injured in a fire to-night that destroyed the Louvre Hotel, 3611-3623 Lake avenue. Nearly one hundred guests were in the hotel at the time the fire broke out, several of whom had retired for the night. With the remembrance of the Iroquois theatre horror fresh in their minds, every one in the place became panic-stricken and rushed madly for the streets as soon as it became known that the hotel was on fire. At a late hour the dead had not been identified.

When the fire was discovered most of the guests were in their apartments and all hurried to escape, but in the upper story of the building the smoke was so thick that they had great difficulty in finding exits.

Several persons were rescued from the second story through the efforts of three of the guests of the hotel. These three men raised a plank to a window and breaking in the glass held it so several women and men could slide down it. Many were enabled to escape in this way as the stairs and passage ways to the bottom floor had become congested in the rush for safety.

A boy about fifteen years old was taken from the building almost suffocated. He died in a few minutes after being taken to the street. But for the heroic efforts of Miss Mary Corbett, an employe of the hotel, three children of Mrs. F. O. Schafer, one of the guests, would undoubtedly have lost their lives. Tieing a cloth about her head, Miss Corbett rushed into the burning building, picked up two of the children and carried them to the street. The other child was led from the place by a man who heard Miss Corbett's call for assistance.

The loss is $40,000.

NEW YORK CITY'S NEW MAYOR

George B. McClellan Inducted into Office. All the Democrats in Town Seemed to be on Hand.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—George B. McClellan became mayor of New York City to-day. He arrived at the City Hall, accompanied by his secretary, John H. O'Brien, and walked through lines of Democrats under an arch of plants and flowers to the mayor's public reception room, where he was greeted by the retiring mayor. The ceremonies were not elaborate, and speeches were brief. After shaking hands with his successor, Mr. Low said:

"Col. McClellan, the hour has come when I am permitted to give the city into your care, in obedience to the will of the people. Any one who has been mayor of New York will always be ready to honor its chief magistrate. Mr. Mayor, I am glad, as one of the great body of citizens, to salute you and to wish you well."

In response, Colonel McClellan said, in part:

"I believe I can only fulfil the trust of municipal government, not in the interests of the few but in the interests of all the people. I believe in party responsibility, but party responsibility exists only as the means of attaining good ends.

"I promise you that there will be no step backward, not even in the smallest department of my administration."

Mr. Low retired to his private office and Colonel McClellan took his stand behind the table in the public office and hand-shaking began. All the Democrats in town seemed to be on hand and long lines, reaching to the City Hall steps, were formed by the police. It took a long time for the Democratic enthusiasts to file by the mayor's desk. After the reception the new heads of departments were sworn in.

THE NEGROES OF RALEIGH.

Celebrated Emancipation Day With an Immense Gathering—The Resolutions Adopted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C, Jan. 1.—The negroes of Raleigh celebrated Emancipation day here with an immense gathering while the speeches made were for the improvement of the race.

Resolutions were passed setting forth the material progress of the race and saying that the negro has proven his fitness and won his title to the rights and privileges of a man and a full fledged citizen. The remarks of Gov. Aycock in reference to the negro in his Baltimore speech were endorsed. Appreciation was expressed for the educational policy of North Carolina, saying it gives all children, regardless of race, an opportunity for education.

In reference to the race question the following is said: "We appreciate the friendly feeling that exists in this State between the races, and desire this feeling to grow."

The resolutions state that the negroes give hearty endorsement of the position taken by President Roosevelt in behalf of equal civil and political rights of every class of American citizens.

ADVISES FROM COLON.

Rumor that a Colombian Gunboat Had Been Sunk by an American Warship.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

COLON, Jan. 1.—There were persistent rumors here yesterday and again to-day that the Columbian gunboat General Pinzon had been sunk by an American warship. There is no confirmation of the report to this time.

The Mayflower, to which Admiral Coghlan transferred his flag yesterday, steamed out of the harbor this morning. There are now no ships of war here.

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RUSSIA REJECTS JAPAN'S PROPOSALS

So the Japanese Minister at London Says He Has Been Informed.

DOUBTED IN SOME QUARTERS

Asserted in St. Petersburg that Nothing Has Been Done in Connection With a Reply to Japan—Not Believed in Berlin that War is Probable.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has been informed from Paris that Russia has decided not to grant the Japanese proposals.

This is the first intimation any one here admits having received anent the Russian reply.

The Baron said to a representative of the Associated Press: "If my information from Paris is borne out by the wording of the Russian reply and if the Japanese government adheres to its present determination, there seems to be small possibility of averting war.

"My information from Paris," said the minister of Japan, "is not official, but in connection with information imparted to me by the British government, it is probably only too correct.

"If Chancellor Von Buelow's statement that Russia's reply will be framed in a manner intended to satisfy Japan turns out correct, it will be better news than I have dared to hope for."

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed one of the foreign ambassadors that he has practically given up all hopes of peace.

At the embassy here the statement made by Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, to-day, that he had been informed from Paris that Russia had decided not to grant the Japanese proposals is regarded as being most grave, especially in view of the minister's statement that his information came from Paris and the fact that he permitted such information to become known at this critical stage.

Reply Not Yet Framed.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—It is said in a well informed quarter here that France would have no right to officially communicate Russia's reply to Japan, and it is added that the reply has not yet been framed and that it is expected it will be presented to the Japanese government through Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio. At the same time it has been known here for the last few days that Russia's attitude has been changing, as a result of the bellicose policy which Japan is pursuing, and that Russia is disinclined to make the concessions which would have been possible, it is asserted, had Japan adopted a more conciliatory course. It is reiterated that if there is any breaking off of the relations, Japan and not Russia will take the initial step. The information of the Japanese minister in London, therefore, is in a line, generally, with that which the diplomatic corps here has been in possession of for several days. But it is conceded that until Russia's reply is actually submitted any discussion of its contents must be more or less speculative.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—The Foreign Office to-day informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that nothing had been done in connection with a reply to Japan.

The Japanese minister here is unable to confirm or deny advices received from Paris by Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, that Russia had decided not to grant the Japanese proposals. He says an answer to these proposals has not yet been made.

It is generally accepted in diplomatic circles here as unlikely that an answer will soon be delivered, and attention is now mainly directed to the Japanese war preparations.

Doubted in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—The German government has been informed that Russia's reply to Japan is not provocative and that it is sincerely intended to satisfy Japan. The aroused state of Japanese public opinion is fully recognized here, but Chancellor Von Buelow and the foreign office do not believe that war is within the probabilities; and this view, the Associated Press learns, has been communicated to the representatives of the powers in Berlin.

Russia's reply, it is unofficially announced, was sent to Japan yesterday.

The Outlook Gloomy.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Far Eastern outlook is gloomy. No further news has developed, but the fact that not a single telegram from Japan has been received by any London newspaper since Thursday night in itself creates alarm. It is supposed that the Japanese government is stopping dispatches.

The feeling of apprehension was reflected at Lloyd's yesterday, underwriters demanding additional premium to cover a war risk on all vessels, no matter of what nationality, preceding east of Singapore.

The *Daily Mail* says that it understands that Russia has reached a decision which, when communicated to Japan, must precipitate hostilities.

The sailing of the Nippon mail boat Inaba Maru, which was fixed for yesterday from England, has been postponed.

The *Daily Mail's* Malta correspondent reports that five Russian torpedo boat destroyers which are undergoing repairs there have suddenly been ordered to sea in an unfinished condition.

The London morning papers print alarmist statements. The *Daily Telegraph*, in leaded type, says:

"Even in diplomatic circles hitherto sanguine of peace, there is a recognition that a rupture is all but inevitable. Neither Japan or Russia will abate anything of their claims, and there is no disposition on either side to invite mediation of friendly powers. It is believed that Japan will take decisive steps within a few days."

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

General Offices Will be Moved to Greensboro, North Carolina.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 1.—Official announcement was made at Greensboro this morning that the Southern Railway in consolidating the eastern districts under one superintendent had named Greensboro as headquarters for the general offices, and that General Superintendent McManus would be transferred to that place from Birmingham, Ala. Information seemingly from an authoritative source received last night was to the effect that the general offices would be moved to Atlanta.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13.00.

NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The Social Season in Washington Inaugurated by President and Mrs Roosevelt—Brilliant Affair.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt inaugurated today the official social season in the nation's capital with a brilliant reception at the White House.

The interior of the White House never was more beautiful than to day. The mansion glowed with electric lights and floral decorations were disposed about the corridors and parlors. Rare palms, potted plants and exquisite cut flowers were arranged effectively in every available space. Great rectangular urns, banked to the edges with dwarf palms and holly, were placed between the main corridor and the vestibule, forming a fitting background for the gorgeous new uniforms of the marine band which, sixty pieces strong, were seated in the vestibule.

Eleven o'clock was the hour fixed for the beginning of the reception. For an hour before that time carriages containing members of the diplomatic corps rolled up to the southern entrance of the White House. Among the representatives of the nations of the world, it was noticed that there was one absentee. Colombia, one of this country's sister republics to the south, was not represented at the reception. Gen. Rafael Reyes, the minister of Colombia in this country on a special mission, did not attend the reception, lest, it is understood, his presence at the White House might be misconstrued by his people. He therefore had begged to be excused. Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affairs, was detained at his residence by a bronchial affection.

To-day, as a year ago, a new republic was represented for the first time in the line of diplomats. Last year it was Cuba; this year, the republic of Panama, M. Bunau-Varilla being the accredited minister of the infant State who exchanged greetings with the President.

At 11 o'clock a fanfare of trumpets announced the opening of the reception and the approach of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. President Roosevelt, escorting Mrs. Roosevelt, descended the main staircase and passed to the Blue parlor, where the guests were received. The members of the receiving party were arranged in the arc of a circle in the bow window of the Blue room, the guests invited to assist in the reception facing them behind the line. Both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were particularly gracious in the greeting of their callers. The President frequently joked with a friend and Mrs. Roosevelt entered into the affair with evident enjoyment. President Roosevelt was attired in a conventional frock suit.

First to be received were the members of the diplomatic corps. All of the ambassadors and ministers were accompanied by their entire suites. In all thirty-five countries of the world were represented at the reception.

Following the diplomatic corps, the members of the United States Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice Fuller, were received.

The reception of members of Congress began at 11:30 o'clock. Comparatively few were in attendance, as many of the senators and representatives have not returned.

Resplendent in full dress uniforms the military contingent followed the congressmen. This line was made up of officers, active and retired, of the army, navy and marine corps and the District of Columbia National Guard. For the first time at a reception the army was led by officers of the general staff. Lieutenant General Young, who last year as Major General and in the absence of General Miles, who was on a tour of duty in the Far East, was the senior officer in Washington, led the line, to-day again occupied that position, wearing the three stars and the title of chief of staff. For the first time the new uniform of officers of the army was seen to its best effect.

Following the army, were officers of the navy, headed by Admiral Dewey, who was absent from Washington last New Year's day, conducting the Winter manoeuvres of the navy in the Carribean. The officers of the marine corps followed the navy.

Following the military was the civilian contingent of the government service and members of various patriotic orders.

Then began the reception of citizens, hundreds of whom had been waiting in line for several hours. The line of people entered the north door of the White House, passed across the vestibule and main corridor, through the Red room to the Blue room, where the guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were received.

Special precautions were taken to insure the personal safety of the President. No person was permitted to approach the President with his hands in his pockets or otherwise concealed. An extra force of secret service officers and additional policemen were on guard both in and about the White House throughout the reception.

The reception was concluded at 2:11 o'clock, all citizens in line by that time having been afforded an opportunity to greet the President. Mrs. Roosevelt and the ladies of the cabinet stood in the receiving line until 1:40, when they retired.

At the conclusion of the reception the President expressed his gratification that it had passed off so delightfully. He was interested in the information that during three hours and eleven minutes he had received 6,711 people, only a few hundred less than were received a year ago. Notwithstanding the trying ordeal of shaking hands with nearly seven thousand people, the President was in excellent spirits.

WARM WIRELETS

Fire which broke out in the Arlington Hotel at Brainard, Mich., did about $50,000 damage to the building. There were about thirty guests in the hotel and great confusion prevailed for a time and there was a mad rush for exits.

The hearing of the employes of the Iroquois theatre and members of the Blue Beard Company who were arrested in Chicago was set for Saturday, the charge being manslaughter. Bonds were placed at $5,000 in each case.

A Cumberland Valley passenger train ran into an open switch to-day near Newville, Pa. Eleven persons were injured, one of whom, Miss Faust, of Shippensburg, has since died. It is feared others of the injured will die.

At Kymulga, Ala., N. D. Hobbs shot and killed Brooks Mitchell. Hobbs, who afterward went to the sheriff and surrendered, displayed a knife wound on the face, and said that Mitchell attacked him with a knife and he fired in self defence. Both men were prominent farmers.

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CHICAGO THEATRES CLOSED BY MAYOR

Sixteen Play Houses Found that Were Not Provided With Asbestos Curtains.

THE IROQUOIS CATASTROPHE.

Morgues and Undertaking Establishments Still Crowded With Unidentified Dead. Funerals Going on in All Parts of the City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Mayor Carter H. Harrison to-day took steps to provide as far as possible against a repetition of Wednesday's horror at the Iroquois theatre. As a result of an investigation made at his orders and lasting but a few hours, nineteen theatres and museums were ordered closed, some of them being among the leading and most popular play houses of the city. The act of the mayor was based on a single violation of the ordinances which are intended to protect the patrons of theatres from just such an occurrence as that which cost so many lives on Wednesday. This was that every one of these places had omitted to supply an asbestos curtain.

The Chicago Opera House and the Olympic Theatre are vaudeville houses of the highest class and probably do as much business in point of numbers as any one of the theatres in the city at single performances. They give, also, a matinee every day in the week and it is seldom that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of opening. In addition to this they have been accustomed to selling large numbers of tickets for standing room, and as a general thing more people are within these places of amusement at an average performance than can be found at any other play house in the city.

The Garrick theatre, which was also ordered closed is a small play house on the northwest side of the city and should not be confounded with the larger theatre of the same name situated on Randolph street, one block west of the Iroquois.

The inspection ordered by the mayor to-day was carried out by Building Commissioner Williams and Chief of Police O'Neill. The scope of the investigation included no other feature than asbestos curtains. The mayor instructed Commissioner Williams to report to him promptly at the conclusion of his investigation, declaring that it was his intention that no theatre should be allowed to open its doors in Chicago hereafter unless it was provided with an asbestos curtain of standard quality that would work at all times and under all conditions.

"It may not be possible," said Mayor Harrison, "to prevent loss of life when audiences rush for the doorways, but I have determined to see that every precaution is taken to prevent such occurrences as will alarm the people and start them on a rush for the exits. It is all very well to say that the great loss of life in the Iroquois theatre was due to the fact that the people lost their heads and crowded into the doorways and aisles like maniacs; but the fact remains and it cannot be denied, that there would have been no panic if the apparatus in this theatre which judged by all ordinary standards was the best equipped play house in the city, had been in proper working condition. There is no getting beyond that fact. From all the evidence now in hand it is clear that if the asbestos curtain in this theatre had been in the condition it should have been there would have been no loss of life, comparatively speaking."

The report of Building Commissioner Williams showed that the Academy of Music, with a seating capacity of 2,000 had a curtain of burlap. The Alhambra, with a seating capacity of 2,300; the Avenue, 600; the Bijou, 1,300; the Clark Street Museum, 370; Criterion 1,400, Fiegenbaum's, 400; Howard's 900, Marlowe, 1,300; New American, 1,400, all had curtains of linen. The curtain in the Chicago Opera House was of burlap covered with fireproof paint. In the Columbus Stock Theatre, and in Sam T. Jacks it was of canvas. The Olympic Theatre, with a seating capacity of about 1,600 people, has a curtain of canvas.

"There were other glaring defects," said Building Commissioner Williams, "which were noted in some of the houses, but we were not paying particular attention to them to-day, although I noted them and the theatrical managers will be compelled to remedy them as soon as possible."

Such a day of mourning Chicago never witnessed as that which ushered in the new year. In every portion of the city almost it seemed as though there were funerals going, or undertaking wagons arriving with dead who were being brought to their homes for the last time. While the funeral processions were moving through the snow covered streets to various cemeteries, the throngs about the various morgues and undertaking establishments seemed almost as large as ever. Many men appeared at the door of Rolston's and Jordan's morgues this afternoon who had been upon their feet for forty-eight hours, constantly searching for those they had lost. The greater number of the dead are in these two places and men who had viewed the ghastly rows of corpses before and had gone on unavailing searches to every other morgue and undertaking room in the city to which the dead from the theatre were taken, came back once more to Rolston's and Jordan's almost in despair, but hoping against hope that they might have overlooked their dead in the great number that had crowded the tables and floors on Thursday morning. In some cases they were successful, in many others they were not. Practically all of the bodies which admit of careful identification have been carried away, and of those remaining the majority are in such a condition that only the most minute and careful inspection will be able to reveal their identity to those who knew them best.

One of the saddest cases was that of Herbert and Agnes Lange, of 1623 Barry avenue. Both children had attended the performance, and after many hours of tireless searching the broken-hearted father finally found the daughter, Agnes, in an undertaking establishment.

Mr. Lange, almost exhausted through his continuous trips from morgue to morgue, from hospital to hospital, from police stations to the coroner's office and then back through the wearisome round, again and again, came this afternoon in utter despair to the office of the chief of police and begged two detectives to assist him. He also pleaded with newspaper men and his voice choked and failed as he referred to his wife, who lay utterly prostrated at their home. Mr. Lange said these were his only children, and the detectives and newspaper men promised every assistance, though themselves were almost worn out by long hours of work. Finally the body of the girl was found and the broken-hearted father gathered up the little form and took it to his carriage. "I have one of them at least," he said, "and this will be a great comfort to her mother." The absolute failure of Mr. Lange to identify any one of the bodies as that of his son aroused the hope that the boy may still be alive and cared for in some hospital.

Mr. Lange's sorrow was turned to joy when he reached his home to-night. As he drove up to the door with the body which he had brought from the morgue as that of his daughter, he was greeted by his wife, who told him that their two children had returned home this evening in safety. They had become dazed apparently and had been wandering around the city without knowing where they were. Mr. Lange at once returned to the morgue with the body of the little girl, which he thought to be that of his own child.

"There was so little by which I could recognize the body," he said, "that I was confident that I never would be able to satisfy my own mind absolutely that it was my daughter, but at the same time there were some strong points of resemblance and I concluded that it must be she."

It was absolutely impossible for the bereaved relatives to secure all the carriages they wished to convey their friends and relatives to the cemeteries. In many cases it was not possible for all members of the immediate family to ride in the funeral cortege, because no carriages could be procured for them.

The liverymen were simply overwhelmed by the demands made upon them and earnestly urged that as far as possible the relatives should content themselves with a carriage for the pall bearers, the hearse and one other carriage for the family. Where there were more members of the family than could conveniently ride in the single carriages they were compelled to make their way to the cemetery by other methods of transportation.

This was the situation in Chicago to day, and to-morrow it will be intensified. The coroner's office to-day issued nearly 300 burial permits for people killed in the fire. Some of these were for people residing in other cities, but they were comparatively few.

The police to day vigorously pushed their inquiry into the causes of the fire and made several arrests of stage hands, among them William McMullen, the operator of the light which started the fire. He was locked up at the central station, and William Kerr, a flyman at the theatre, was also placed in a cell.

Fifteen members of the double octette which takes part in the song "In the Pale Moonlight" have been placed under arrest by the police, Miss Romaine being the sole one who has so far eluded the detectives. They are wanted as witnesses and there is no charge against any of them.

At midnight only twenty-one unidentified dead remained in the several morgues. The total number of bodies that have been accounted for is 583. Of these 561 have been identified.

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Lost—On January 1st, between 7:30 and 8:30 P. M. a Ladies' Brown Fur, between corner Second and Ann streets and corner Front and Princess via Shepard's Drug Store. Kindly leave at STAR office. jan 2 1t*

Wanted—618-8 standard pine ties, also cypress ties, two sides hewn. For particulars write B. F. Keith Co. tu th sa dec 22 6t

Mechanics' Home Association opens a new series of Building and Loan Stocks to-day. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. jan 2 1t.

Wanted—A position by young man as book-keeper or stenographer. Good reference. Address G, care STAR. dec 30 4t*

Yann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. see them before buying. dec 23 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. H. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 13 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Geller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, in the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 8 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

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Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 18 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. je 21 tf

BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

with no concern we are able to offer the public High Grade

Violet Talcum, Toilet and Baby Powder

at 10c per box (regular size) 3 for 25 cents.

We deliver to any part of the city. Phone us your Drug wants.

JAMES M. HALL,
Pharmacist,
N. E. corner Fifth and Castle Sts.
jan 1 tf

Hog Jowl and Peas.

We will supply you with the above for your New Year's dinner.

Send your orders.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,
JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.
dec 30 tf

NORTH CAROLINA Rust Proof Seed Oats.

Excellent quality. Very low price.

We have some extra fine

Rough Rice,

suitable for seed.

BAGGING AND TIES.
Fish, Cheese, Crackers.
Grain and Hay.
Salt and Molasses.

Samples and prices on application.

THE WORTH CO.
oc 29 tf

Turner's N. C. Almanacs

1904.

Fancy and Office Calendars.

Blank Books and Office Stationery.

Remington Typewriters.

Globe-Wernicke Filing Cases.

Globe-Wernicke "Elastic" Book Cases.

Mimeographs and Neostyles.

Ring up Telephone No. 69 for anything you want in our line. Prompt service, lowest prices.

C. W. YATES & CO.,
dec 27 tf Wilmington, N. C.

FORTY TUBS FANCY

Renovated Butter.

Twenty-two Cents per Pound.

Ready for delivery this (Thursday) morning.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.
dec 24 tf

Candy and Crackers.

Southern Department Candy.
Mixed Candy in 30 lb. Pails.
Broken Mixed Candy, 50 lb Tubs.
Excelsior Caramels, 15 lb. Pails
Violet Kisses in 10 lb. Boxes.
Chocolate Sweets in 5 lb. Boxes.
Penny Mixed Cakes
Pearl Lemon Cakes.
Crown Soda Cakes.
Gem Crackers.
Oyster Crackers.

Call on us or send your orders.

S. P. McNAIR,
jan 1 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Pecan Nuts.

Home grown thin shell Nuts 15c per pound.

Fox River Butter, 5 pound Pails, 30 cents.

Fox River Butter 30 pound Pails.
Heart's best Butter.
Heart's little favorite Cheese.
Cracked Corn.
Virginia Water Ground Meal.
Pearl Grits.
Hoop Iron.
Spirit Barrels.
300 Kegs Mullets.

STONE & COMPANY,
dec 18 tf 5 and 7 South Water Street.

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.
HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUS BREWING CO.
dec 9 1 w

AT THE UNLUCKY CORNER.

The fullest and nicest line of SALTED FISH ever shown in the city. Mackerel from 5 cents to 35 cents each and oh! those 25 centers are high priced but so good, try one. Pickled Salmon, Bloater Herring, Mullets and Mullet Roe, Kippered Herring, Brook Trout Sardines, 5 to 40 cents a box, Deviled Sardines, Smoked Sardines, Sardines in Oil, Anchovy Paste Shrimps, Clams.

S. W. SANDERS.
Both Phones 109. de 27 tf

FOR SALE.

I own sixty building lots in the Southern portion of the City of Wilmington which I will sell for cash, prices ranging from $20 to $35. I will give warranty deeds for same. For further particulars you may see my attorney, Geo. H. Howell, at 1184 Princess street.
dec 27 1m MARY McI. HARRISS.

We Trv to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $2.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $3.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3.50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $2.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 35c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1.25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $3 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40
we sell at 10c a yard;
we sell at 15c a yard;
yard; we have all kind
Christmas trade and w
if you would give our
ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents give with a twenty-five dollar
If you have no card, ask for one. presents are in thousands of hom Wilmington and surrounding cou and we would like to add you to list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

Geo. O. Gaylord,
PROPRIETOR.
dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

MEN'S OVERCOATS,

MEN'S SUITS.

The cold wave finds us ready with the finest stock of Men's Winter Overcoats and Stormers in the City.

All usual sizes for Men and Youths. Plenty of extra sizes beside.

THE A. DAVID CO.,
jan 1 tf Clothiers and Gents' Outfitters.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To each and every one of our friends and customers, and we wish to thank them for their generous patronage the past year and hope for a continuance of the same.

M. H. Curran,
Merchant Tailor and
jan 1 tf Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.

TO OUR TRADE.

We thank each and every one for their liberal Patronage during this year, 1903, and we earnestly solicit a larger share of your trade during 1904.

Our facilities are unequalled, and our capital ample to serve you, large or small.

Wishing each and every one a merry Xmas and a very prosperous nineteen hundred and four. Yours, truly,

D. L. GORE CO.,
Wholesale Grocers and Importers,
118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 North Water St., Wilmington, N. C.
dec 9b tf

We Greet You.

Our many friends and patrons, and wish you all a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuation of same. We are yours

Very respectfully,

Geo. R. French & Sons.
dec 30 tf